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Concise is the most incurable disease that a man can have.

### NON-ESSENTIALS AND FUNDAMENTALS

Senator Rayner, of Maryland, is still engaged in the patriotic service of clearing the political atmosphere for the Democratic party. We recently reviewed a statement of his views as published in the New York Herald. He has more recently made a similar statement for the New York World. His first movement is to brush aside the non-essentials upon which Democrats are disagreed. He declares that "the new theory that has been sprung upon us over night of the governmental ownership of railroads, and which finds lodgment among the radical leaders of the Republican party as well as it does among our own, will not become a Democratic doctrine."

He further declares that the Federal referendum and initiative "will go by the board." The representatives of the Southern States," says Mr. Rayner, "would not yield to such an innovation because a distinguished traveler spending through the Continent of Europe found that the system worked successfully in the cantons of Switzerland, any more than they would yield to a governmental ownership of railroads because the same traveler observed that he considered to be the satisfactory operation of railroads by the government in the mountain passes of Austria-Hungary."

Mr. Rayner is right in saying that these are not Democratic privileges. They are the visions and vagaries of William J. Bryan, and with all his magnetism and with all his persuading oratory, Mr. Bryan will not be able to rally the Democracy to such a call.

With these questions out of the way, Mr. Rayner says that the real Democratic issues are tariff reform and States' rights. He declares that not only is a protective tariff wrong in principle, but that the Dingley tariff is fraudulent. He does not hold either Dingley or McKinley responsible for it, but he asserts that he is able to prove demonstrably that the fraudulent device that underlies it. "Exposure of fraud," says he, "is the order of the day, and if our party has the courage of its convictions it is an issue now upon which it may succeed and conquer by making inroads in the agricultural and manufacturing districts of Republican States that are in open rebellion against the embargo that is laid upon American products, and that is permanently undermining our commercial intercourse with the trading nations of the world."

But he regards States' rights as a more important issue even than tariff. He does not mean by States' rights a multiplication of the powers of the general government. It is not, in his view, so much a political issue as it is a social and commercial issue. It is a question that appeals to the business interests of the country and to the local institutions of the States.

"Has this government," he asks, "the right to make a treaty that will sweep the usages and customs of the States away and take jurisdiction for instance, over the school systems of California or South Carolina, so as to admit into the one the children of the Orient, and into the other inhabitants of Santo Domingo?"

And again:  
 "Can we under the clause to regulate commerce take governmental possession of the manufacturing establishments and business enterprises of the States, and, by a system of inspection and supervision and prohibition, not restrict the products in their transit from State to State, but absolutely provide what kind of labor they shall employ and what kind of commerce they can engage in?"

These are the two questions that touch Democracy at the vital point. These are the fundamentals, compared to which Mr. Bryan's government ownership and referendum proposals are as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

### CROKER WINS THE DERBY.

Richard Croker is the proudest American alive, and there are gentlemen of the nobility who would give "the half of their kingdom" for the honor which the former Tammany boss has won with his Irish-American nag, Orby. This is the third time, we believe, that the Derby has been won by Americans and Mr. Whitney's Volodyovski was

leased for the occasion from an English woman.

The "Derby," as our sporting readers know, is the most distinguished racing event in the world. Derby Day is the Wednesday of the grand spring meeting which takes place at Epsom. The Derby Stakes were instituted by the Earl of Derby in 1780, and consist of 50 sovereigns each. In yesterday's race they amounted, it is said, to \$33,000. Derby Day is the great English holiday, and London pours out its sporting population to enjoy the fun. A Richmonder laughingly remarked yesterday, and London pours out its sporting fish "Drunk Day"; that 300,000 persons start for Epsom, 200,000 of whom fall by the way, and 90 per cent. of those who finally reach the track get merry before the racing is over. He intimated that when he attended he was the only strictly sober man on the ground.

However that may be, the race itself is a very serious affair for those who enter their horses and the contest is fast and furious. The race is for three-year-olds, which have previously been "nominated" for the event. The first Derby was won by Diomed, owned by Sir Charles Bunbury, and afterwards brought to America. "The course is now one and a half miles, wide at the start and with steep ascent, then level for three furlongs, descending again to Tottenham corner, where it turns and goes straight home."

Mr. Croker's Orby was bred by him in Ireland out of an American dam, and was ridden by an American jockey. The race yesterday may therefore be claimed as an all-round American victory.

### A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

The result of the local option election in Charlottesville is but another evidence of the anti-saloon sentiment in Virginia. It began in the rural districts, and has now spread to the cities. The campaign has been conducted in an orderly manner, without hysterical clamor or fanaticism, and many conservative men have been enlisted.

The Virginia Anti-Saloon League does not take the initiative in any community, but waits until the local leaders have decided to start a crusade against the saloons; then lends its aid. There is no movement in Richmond, so far as we know, to start a crusade here. But there are mutterings. The same temperance citizens who supported The Times-Dispatch in its demand that the all-night saloon be abolished are in the city to-day, and it would take very little to turn them into prohibitionists.

But for a city as large as Richmond prohibition would be a failure, and The Times-Dispatch would not support a straight-out prohibition movement. But there are approximately 230 saloons in Richmond, or about one for every 350 inhabitants, including men, women and children. Each saloon pays a city license of \$200. Many of these saloons are so situated as to be very objectionable to the neighbors, and in some sections they seriously impair the value of property in their vicinity—as, for example, around the Second Market and on the north side of Broad Street. The surest and simplest way to reduce the number is to increase the license tax. If that be done, and the saloon evil be thereby reduced to the minimum, there will be no prohibition movement in Richmond; if not, the crusade is liable to begin at any time.

### THE STATE AND THE JAILBIRDS.

The Withers-Lassiter road law is succeeding, as evidenced by the statement recently published that since it went into effect the draft on the Richmond jail for prisoners to work the roads has been so great as seriously to curtail the fees of the City Sergeant. That is success in two directions. Our city jails are resorts for chronic criminals, who care nothing for disgrace and who do not mind confinement. In some seasons of the year they like it. Moreover, the jails, instead of being a corrective agency, are schools for crime which turn out their graduates by the thousand. To take the jailbirds out of prison and make them work the roads is a double benefit.

When Messrs. Withers and Lassiter proposed their bill we were not sure that its enactment would accomplish much in the way of road improvement, but we had no doubt that it would be successful as a reformatory measure, and hence The Times-Dispatch gave it its cordial support. We are grateful to know that the law is operating so well.

The Clinch Valley News, one of the most progressive newspapers of the Southwest has installed a new typesetting machine. But the News is a machine paper in a mechanical sense only. In all things it is brave and independent and an able champion of Democracy. May it have the rich prosperity it deserves.

Richard Croker won the Derby. And just at the beginning of the straw-hat season, too.

Terpsichorean expert A. C. Berken asserted at the Dancing Masters' Convention that men were often moved to propose during a dreamy waltz, but never during a two-step. Male readers are cautioned to sit out the waltzes with the chaplains.

North Texas has just turned out one of the biggest and boldest of its celebrated cyclones. The Houston Post ought to catch and bottle a few of these typical Texas products and ship them abroad for the use of foreign armies.

It is said that John D. Rockefeller's barber is worth \$100,000. However, the chances are that he can still take a nick out of the human ear about as grimly as any of the rest of them.

If the Interstate Commerce Commissioners are really determined to make Mr. Harriman answer all questions,

they may find it necessary to requisition the government for a brain-pump.

"Sometimes it doesn't rain in Houston," says the Post of that city. Funny! We had always understood that in Houston it never rains, but it pours.

Greenland whales are said to attain the age of 400 years. Those born within the last week or two may live to see a revision of Mr. Dingley's schedules.

Tom Lawson's offer to superintend a campaign for four more years of Roosevelt is the best piece of news that Fairbanks has heard in many a weary year.

Charlottesville showed a proper respect for the dramatic unities in picking out a sunny interlude to go dry in.

The political stork shows unmistakable signs of having been to leave a nice new little boom with Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania.

It is becoming doubtful whether the White House bulldog will ever be able to get his tail up again.

Mr. John Skelton Williams's point is that dummies ought to be confined to bridge.

Ex-Senator Addicks, for his part, might qualify as Delaware's favorite son of a gun.

Colonel Bryan has become one of the most conspicuous of the third glimmers.

Guatemala and Mexico are again mutually peevish.

Beef is up. No doubt it was lonely some while down.

Lawyer Hawley scolded them like a western federation of minors.

Oyster Bay has less than a week's dose left.

### Rhymes for To-Day

THE WAY.

TOSSED in the strife of swift hard life where the many doctrines are,

Torn by the rules of a hundred schools have you kept your eye for the star?

Have you held to the light that was set for the fight to shine and cheer from afar?

You would be good? Why each man would, but there are a thousand ways.

Thousands of little rules of thumb to cozen the Master's praise—

And many will hold to their dusty mould to win their way from the maze.

They think of themselves and miss the path the selfless saints shall go:

Who prays and mopes o'er his own soul's hopes must lose that soul, I know!

Collects and heads must blossom deeds and faith bear witness to show.

From hearts that grudge and coldly judge and glare, gladly blame,

From lips that curl at a brother's joy and sneer at a brother's shame,

Do you think God cares for mumbled prayers to the glory of His name?

Such as it was, when our last is done and we rise to the Captain's call,

I think we shall prize that it took to earn what prizes there be.

I think we shall find that just to be kind was most of the meaning of all.

H. S. H.

MERELY JOHNS.

Life and Chess.

"Life," remarked the sentimental bachelor, "is like a game of cards."

"It's more like a game of chess from my point of view," rejoined the married man, "I invariably move once a year."—Chicago News.

Obvious.

The man wore a badge with the legend, "An undesirable citizen."

"Why so to the effect of announcing it?" queried the observer.

At this point the trouble began.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Ballot in France.

Gunner: Elections are quite systematic over in France.

Guy: "Any more so than in America?"

Gunner: "Oh, yes. Over there every vote counts and every count votes.—Chicago News.

The Joys of a Home.

Wiseman: "Of course, Bachelor doesn't keep house; he just has apartments at his club."

Walt: "Well, then, he doesn't know what life is. Half of the fun of going to your club is lost unless you've got a home to stay away from.—Philadelphia Press.

No Doubt.

"Why do so many Americans shave off their mustaches?" asked the interested European.

"Because," answered the staunch administration man, "they are afraid of being mistaken for Henry Waterson's presidential candidate."—Washington Star.

What Did She Mean?

Beall: "When we are married, my love, we shall have a lot to struggle with."

Ellis (consoling her): "What have each other."—Bismarck (S. D.) Tribune.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The only royal doctor in Europe is Duke (or) Theodor, of Bavaria.

The first woman to win the Ottonoff scholarship is Miss Gertrude Schoppe, a graduate of Wellesley. The scholarship, granted by New York University, is worth \$500 a year for study in Germany.

Blissoff, the Russian artist, has won much praise from London art critics who have viewed his pictures of Polar scenes, birds of the lot to snow, and other paintings wonderful in their fidelity and vividness.

A maximum fine of \$100, or imprisonment for three months, is provided by the sports bill in the case of any person who smelt in hunting, coursing or shooting any animal which has been kept in confinement and has been released for this purpose.

Cardinal Merry del Val, who came so prominently to the front during the French church dispute, showed his indignity by playing an excellent game of golf as well as by ability to send a rifle bullet through a ten cent piece at twenty yards.

Presidential inaugural festivities have been the rule in South America in the last few months. Brazil added the grand ceremony with due pomp and ceremony, and the two Swiss leaders of South America—Bolívar and Paraguay—have likewise provided themselves with new administrative heads.

According to a Washington photographer, who has taken pictures of all the Presidents from Grant to the present occupant of the White House, President Roosevelt is the hardest of the lot to pose. He seems to be a positive misery for him to sit in one position for more than five minutes.

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People Seen in Public Places

Mr. Wallace A. Taylor, president of the American National Life Insurance company, of Lynchburg, is here on private business, and is registered at the Richmond. Mr. Taylor's company, though young, is starting out well, and promises to become a powerful factor in the life insurance world.

"How about the fight for the State Senator in the Twentieth District between Senator Thomas and Don Halsey?" was asked.

"It is hard to tell what will be the result," was the reply.

"Halsey is popular and Thomas is a most indefatigable worker, and then you are. I will say this, however, that the district will not suffer, whoever shall be nominated. They are both clean, high men, and each has represented the district in the Senate with credit and ability."

This is one of the very interesting contests in the State. There are many others. That in the Eighteenth District is full of interest. The district comprises the counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, Fluvanna and Charlotte. Captain Hamm Patterson, familiarly known as "the Duke of Buckingham," is the incumbent, but he has declined to stand for re-election. There were originally three aspirants, Delegate A. B. Thompson, of Appomattox; Captain W. C. White, of Fluvanna, and Colonel Tom Scott, of Charlotte. It is stated upon authority that Mr. Thompson has retired from the contest and a beautiful race is being run between Colonel Scott and Captain White. Colonel Scott has served his people in the Senate of the United States, and has been a senator for the Western District of Virginia under President Cleveland's first administration.

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